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## CELEBRATION TODAY

St. Patrick's Day Will Be Observed by the Irish of Atlanta.

## THE CEREMONIES OF THE DAY

Lovers of the Green Prepared to Have a Royal Time—Father Daly, the Orator of the Day, Will Arrive This Morning.

The St. Patrick's Day celebration by the Irish of Atlanta today, and from one end of the city to the other, the lovers of the green will be in their glory.

Great preparations for the celebration of the day have been made, and the Irish are expecting to have a royal good time today, which expectation will, doubtless, be realized.

The celebration in Atlanta will consist of a parade of all the Irish societies and people, and an address on St. Patrick at the Catholic church this morning. The orator of the day, Father Daly of Pensacola, Fla., will also make an address tonight on the "Sins and Tears of Erin."

The programme for the day, as arranged by the committee appointed by the Irish societies, is that the societies will assemble at 8:30 o'clock this morning, and march to the depot, where the orator of the day, Father Daly of Pensacola, Fla., will also make an address tonight on the "Sins and Tears of Erin."

The societies that will participate in the ceremonies are the Emmet Benevolent Society, the Ancient Order of Hibernians, division No. 1 and 2, the Hibernian Association, the Catholic Knights of America, and the Catholic Benevolent Association.

Father Daly, who is to deliver the address, did not arrive last night, as was expected, but will arrive this morning on the early train from Montgomery, he was expected at 6:30 last night, and a large crowd of Atlanta Irish people assembled at the depot to meet and welcome him to the city. His failure to come last night was due to the fact that the train on which he left yesterday failed to make connection with yesterday afternoon's train.

The services at the Catholic church yesterday were dedicated to St. Patrick and Father Kelley preached an eloquent sermon on the great saint. The church was packed to the doors and the audience was moved by the fervor of Father Kelley's words.

In the afternoon the Hibernian Benevolent Society held its annual St. Patrick Day meeting for the purpose of electing officers, and the meeting was unusually large and attended. Much enthusiasm was manifested by the members of the society and the excellent condition of the association, and together with that fact and that it was St. Patrick's Day, the Irishmen had an enjoyable time.

The Hibernian Benevolent Society is the oldest society or organization in the city, and through its long career has been of inestimable benefit to its members and people. It has been one of the largest charitable organizations in the city for many years, and has done charitable work irrespective of creed and nationality.

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## THAT DIAMOND STEAL

Detective Bedford Is Back and Tells About Coleman's Scheme.

## HOW THE PACKAGES WERE DELIVERED

A Conductor Gave Them Over to Coleman and Afterwards Chased Him to Tennessee in an Engine.

Detective Harvey Bedford is back. He came in Saturday morning from Swainsboro where he went to investigate the diamond robbery to which Macon, Augusta, Savannah, Charleston and Atlanta jewellers fell victims. His trip was made in the main to get some idea of the appearance and doings of the mysterious individual who strayed into the little town one Monday and left the next richer by nearly \$10,000, which he scooped up so easily from the different cities.

Thus far the bogus Coleman has not been known to any extent, but the detective has scraped up incidents of his career which show him to be a man of unusual ability in the profession of crooks.

"There is no doubt," said Detective Bedford, "that the bogus Coleman was working with a gang. He is one of two or three crooks who came to Georgia with the premeditated and well-defined plan of stealing the jewelry merchants of the state."

"Coleman, or whatever his name was, came into Swainsboro the Monday previous to his flight, and from his sporty manner the people thought that he was a man of wealth. He told them that he intended to open up the biggest jewelry store in South Georgia and for that purpose engaged a large store which he rented, paying in advance the rent for one month."

"He put up at the Rounree house, and used to curse out the porters there every morning. His manner was overbearing, and whenever anything didn't go to suit him he would curse and swear in torrents. During the time he was there scarcely any one saw him. Once or twice he came from the hotel and tried to ingratiate himself into the favor of several of the more prominent citizens. He was a fellow of heavy build, pleasing address and wore good clothes."

"The day before he skipped he received a package of paper from Milledgeville, a small town in Georgia. This fell into the hands of the real J. C. Coleman, who is a wealthy business man. When opened by him it was found to contain two checks, one of which was made out for \$900. I believe the real Coleman knew that the package was not intended for him and turned it over to the crook who said that it was sent to him by his wife which, by the way, was a flimsy lie."

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## WARM WEATHER

Is Now Wanted in This Section of the Country

## SO THE ATLANTA BASEBALL TEAM

Can Get to Work—The Indications Are Now Favorable for Outdoor Work.

The indications are that Atlanta will have a clear day, but that it will be a little cool.

If it is clear and not too cold, the members of the baseball team will find their way out to the ball park and do a little outdoor work for the benefit of the Atlanta fans who want to see them.

The men are growing weary of the weather and are anxious to get out for a day's work. Should the weather suit, Manager Knowles will soon have them down in good shape and will be ready for the league season when they come, the latter part of this week.

The Clevelanders, who were expected yesterday, will not be in the city some time this morning, and may remain over in the city a day or two, or they may go on to Augusta, where they are to work awhile.

Boston in Columbus. Columbus, S. C., March 17.—The Boston National League baseball team, in charge of Manager Frank Seaver, arrived here today to get their first practice session. They came this far south with the Pittsburgh team. Sixteen of the players are here.

They are Nash, Duffy, Gansel, Ryan, Tenney, Warner, Lundy, Lister, and others. Long, McCarthy, Shannon, Collins, Nyce and Stivett. Of these, Nash, Warner, Sullivan, Collins and Nyce are new men, while the others have played one or more seasons with the team.

Wise, the other two of the five pitchers, have not yet come. Wilson will join the team in Columbus, where he is still under contract in Kansas City, according to his refusal to accept the club's terms. The team spent the afternoon visiting points of interest. They got down to practice work tomorrow morning and play an exhibition game tomorrow afternoon. On Wednesday they will play Washington here. Manager Seaver is pleased with Columbus and says he thinks it a good training ground.

When asked if his team would win the pennant, he said: "I don't know. I am not a pitcher. I am a manager. I have the strongest in and out fields in the league. Our pitchers had an off year last season, and if they return to on this trip we will beat them."

The New League. Columbus, S. C., March 17.—The local promoters of the South Atlantic Baseball League, which is to be organized and held to be held in Augusta on the 25th instant, to form the league, are pleased with the way the city people are taking to the new league idea.

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penes. If fertilized with 25 worth of fertilizers the crop will still lack 11 per cent of paying all the expenses of cultivation and the cost of the fertilizer. But the fertilizer is all right.

The mistake was first, planting such poor land and second fertilizing too lightly. It would be much better to select twenty-five acres of the best land and use no fertilizer, produce at least enough cotton to pay all expenses of cultivation. To this twenty-five acres apply 400 pounds of fertilizer per acre, costing \$1. This would produce an increased yield of, say, 400 pounds, or \$8 worth—a clear profit of 100 per cent on the investment. I have supposed that the twenty-five acres of land, if used, would just clear expenses. All the profit, therefore, would be due to the use of the fertilizer. In this last case there is a clear profit of \$1 on each acre, in the first case there was a clear loss of \$1 per acre; yet in each case the fertilizer was supposed to produce the same percentage of profit. In the last case, while twice as much fertilizer was applied to each acre, yet only one-fourth as many acres were planted. Instead of using ten tons, costing \$200, on 100 acres, I have suggested that five tons, costing \$100, be used on 200 acres. Here we have a reduction of 75 per cent in the area, a reduction of 50 per cent in the amount of fertilizer for a probable decrease in the cost of one-half. Better than all the cost of the cotton will be reduced by probably not less than one-third. The farmer, or combination of farmers, can control the market price; the farmer, or combination of farmers, can control the cost of making his cotton. Under the most favorable conditions and by using the very best methods there is not much to be made by producing cotton at 5 cents a pound. But it is better to sell cotton at 5 cents than to sell it at 5 cents a pound that costs 6 cents to make.

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This is a Frank. Whitsett, Ga., March 17.—(Special.)—A wild cat having been seen in the woods near this place. All efforts to capture the animal have proved fruitless.

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## INJURING ALABAMA

Manning and Howard Issue a Statement to Quer Colonel Oates.

## STRIKING DOWN THE STATE'S CREDIT

They Speak of the Governor as Bunching Wall Street.

## THE OLD KOLB CRY IS RE-ECHOED

It is Declared That the People Are on the Point of Open Rebellion—Corruption in Office Charged.

New York, March 18.—The following statement was given out today:

"Astoria House, New York, March 18.—To the Press of New York: We, the undersigned, have made public through the press certain statements regarding the financial condition of Alabama, which we, in justice to a common sense of honesty, feel it a duty to refuse. The inference one would have from his interviews with the governor is that the credit of Alabama is so good would be that the state is in a peaceful and prosperous condition, this not being the case.

"The facts are that under the preceding administration the governor of Alabama became in such straits that the then de facto governor, Thomas G. Jones, recommended that the taxes be raised to meet the existing deficiency. He also, without authority of law, borrowed money to prevent a crisis. Since Colonel Oates was seated de facto governor by soldiers, with forty rounds of cartridges buckled around his waist, his countenance administration has found it necessary to not only raise the tax rate, but also to provide a new and unjust revenue law to attempt to save the state from impending bankruptcy.

"If such conditions make the good credit of a state, then it may exist for Alabama, but business men, who are not politicians, especially when a great majority of the people of Alabama do not now recognize Colonel Oates as the legally elected governor of the state.

"Alabama's de facto governor is engaged in playing a new and unique role. Usually people connect the name of Alabama with the name of Colonel Oates. He is here endeavoring to bounce the financiers of Wall Street into purchasing Alabama bonds, when there is such a growing deficiency in the state treasury and when it is with effort that the people are restrained from open rebellion against the present fraudulent de facto administration. County officers, who handle the state revenue, have been retained in office and protected from prosecution after it is a matter of common report that they are defrauders of the public funds. This is evident from those whose way into office is stolen by prostituting the ballot box cannot be trusted with the custody of the people's money. Hence the great demand for ballot reform in the south.

"M. W. HOWARD.

"Congressman J. C. MANNING.

"Representative in Alabama General Assembly.

The Tribune tomorrow will publish a long interview with Mr. J. C. Manning, of Montgomery, Ala., president of the Southern Ballot Rights League, which was organized in New Orleans six weeks ago and which arrived in New York two days ago.

He is accompanied by Congressman-elect M. W. Howard, and his purpose is to organize a mass meeting to be held in Cooper Union some time in the latter part of the week. President Manning believes that "the question of fair elections is the most important of the people of the north as to the people of Alabama or Georgia; and if public sentiment, irrespective of party, can be aroused he believes that, through agitation and national state legislation, an end may be put to these frauds."

The Tribune's article continues as follows:

"By correspondence and otherwise President Manning has already enlisted the sympathy and co-operation of a number of representative New York men, among them Dr. Parkhurst, John H. Pomeroy, Recorder Goff, John S. Wise and General Horace Porter. Mayor Strong has been asked to preside at the Cooper Union meeting, and a number of prominent men of both parties have consented to make brief addresses."

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the frauds of the Cooper Union meeting and the plans of the league, President Manning told said:

"The people of the north understand in a general way the election frauds and ballot box stuffing have been a characteristic of southern elections ever since the days of reconstruction. But they do not understand how vast and how many are the crimes against the intelligence and best sentiment of the south.

"We have concluded that the rule of this oligarchy, of this 'ancient regime' which has had control of southern politics for nearly twenty years, must come to an end. A new south has arisen. A south that is made up of young, progressive and wide-awake men. The 'mossbacks' have got to go. They have kept themselves in office only by the vilest frauds, and we have come to the conclusion that, for the good name and welfare of the south, these men must be driven out."

"The Southern Ballot Rights League comprises men of all parties and is representative of the best blood of the south. Among our vice presidents and our executive committee are such men as John H. Pomeroy, of the Atlanta Constitution, a democrat of national reputation; W. S. Parkerson, of New Orleans, likewise a democrat; Senator Fritchard, of North Carolina, a republican, and Senator-elect Marion Butler, of the same state, a populist; Captain T. S. Adams, the present secretary of state of Louisiana, a democrat; and the young democracy; A. S. Collier, of Nashville, Tenn.; ex-Senator John H. Reagan, of Texas; Congressman H. W. Howard, the leader of the Alabama populists; and James K. Hines, late candidate for governor of Georgia. You will see at a glance that the league is in no sense a partisan affair; it is aimed at no party, and has no selfish motive at heart.

"The aim of the league is to investigate and make public the gross election frauds which will characterize and determine the elections in most of the southern states, to make contests, to organize a campaign of agitation, and, through state and national legislation, to secure proper election and

contest laws, which are today lacking in most of the southern states."

Wants a New Deal in Offices.

"Mr. Manning then went on to tell how the 'election frauds' are committed, and add:

"What is true of Alabama is more or less true of the whole south. We have got to get a new regime in office, new blood, new brains; got to change the whole system and the whole spirit of the south. And the first step is to secure a free ballot and a fair count. We want the people, the north to aid us and the people of New York city. We believe in the end that a fraudulent vote for a congressman in Alabama injures you in New York just as it does us in the south. We want you to help us smash this oligarchy by peaceful, lawful means rather than by bloodshed and revolution. I have been exceedingly gratified at the cordial reception with which our movement has met in the north and in this city. The newspapers of New York are a tremendous power. If they will take up this question and make known these wrongs to all the country, will give their aid and your best citizens will do the same, we will quickly attain our object of restoring republican institutions and honest government throughout the south."

Both Parties for Silver.

Michigan Republicans Nominate a Silver Man to Succeed Garretts.

Washington, March 18.—(Special.)—The silver question is the entire party and free candidates, to whatever party they belong, are willing to show their heads for office unless from a silver cause.

The most convincing proof of the strength of the silver cause with the people comes from Julius Caesar Burrows' speech in Michigan. There is a contest for congress on up there now, Burrows having been elevated to the senate. The democrats nominated a free silver man and now the republicans come forward and nominate the lieutenant governor of the state on a free silver platform.

Just before the republican nominee, has written a letter on the issues of the campaign in which he says he does not believe that all the ills of the past two years were brought about by the demonization of silver, but he does believe that making gold the only primary or basic money has done much to wreck the contraction of business and profits during the past twenty years. Cleveland's election and free trade agitation, he believes, also had a bad effect.

The lieutenant governor says if silver is not good as basic money, but merely as a check on the silver market, it is not good as it is not good as a money metal at all, because paper will answer the same purpose and is much more convenient.

This is significant as showing the trend of sentiment throughout the north and west. The next senate is largely silver and the indications are that the republican house may be a silver body. What it does, however, depends largely on Tom Reed, who is an ardent goldbug. But Reed is a presidential candidate and knows the sentiment of the country sufficiently well to begin to trim at once. He has to get out of the silver party or the chances for the nomination will be as nothing.

No Reply Received Yet

To Secretary Gresham's Demand on Spain for Redress.

Washington, March 18.—For a few hours today matters connected with the Spanish incident were in a most ambiguous state. Early this morning one of the confidential officials of the state department gave out what was characterized as "an authoritative denial" of the report that the Spanish minister had made a statement to Secretary Gresham told a reporter that he would neither affirm nor deny the story that Spain had replied, and he went on to say that he had made no statement to the press, but that he had received a letter from the Spanish minister. To quote those who talked of the matter: "It is a long way from Madrid to Havana and from Havana to Cape Hatteras. It is a long way from the Spanish minister to the state department."

It was admitted that the department had received a letter from the Spanish minister, but that it was not a reply to the demand for redress. The Spanish minister had said that he had received a letter from the Spanish minister, but that it was not a reply to the demand for redress.

The Negro Member Attended the Reception and Went for the Lunch.

Richmond, Va., March 18.—(Special.)—The enemies of Governor O'Connell of this state are disposed to use to his disadvantage the fact that he received a colored member of the Massachusetts legislative committee at the executive mansion here last Friday. The fact is that the governor, in his official capacity, invited the members of that committee to meet him at the mansion. He knew nothing of the fact that Representative O'Connell, a colored man, was with the committee until he found him with his associate committee men in the parlor of the mansion. Teamoh did not go to the house in company with the other members of the committee, but he was there with Editor Mitchell, a colored man who conducts The Planet, a paper published here in the interest of his race. When Governor O'Connell saw the negro legislator in the room, he was considerably embarrassed, but, as he was there purely in an official capacity, he saw no way of ignoring him without being extremely awkward.

A slight report had been prepared at the mansion for the visitors. When the party was invited to adjourn to the dining room and the colored member of the committee was asked to accompany the party, he did not hesitate to join the others. This fact added to the host's embarrassment, which he possibly could not have avoided. Had the visit not been strictly an official one it is certain that the governor of this state would have plainly indicated to Teamoh that his presence was not only not desired, but would not be tolerated. This incident was probably extremely unpleasant to Senator Darling and some of the other white members of the Massachusetts legislative committee.

## FIRED TO FRIGHTEN

The Commander Who Sent the Steamer After the Alliance Is Found.

## HE SAYS SHE RAISED AN ENGLISH FLAG

Ex-Secretary Whitney Denounces the Cruiser's Action Strongly.

## AN APOLOGY IS NOT SUFFICIENT

Spain Should Be Taught a Lesson—This Case Was a Brutal Outrage—Whitney Believes a Vigorous Policy.

Havana, March 18.—The commander of the Spanish cruiser Conde de Venadito reports that on March 8th, while cruising off the eastern coast of the island, he sighted a steamer heading for Miami point. The steamer's course was to the north-east. The cruiser hoisted a flag and the steamer replied by raising an English flag. The cruiser signaled the steamer to stop, but without effect. As the steamer proceeded at full speed the cruiser first fired two shots and then a third shot. The commander says he did not desire to hit the steamer, but merely to cause her to heave to. He asserts that the steamer was but one and a half miles off the Cuban coast when the firing occurred.

The authorities here have ordered that an inquiry be made into the commander's action.

Judging from Captain Crossman's story, nobody can doubt that the steamer in question was the Alliance which was fired on by a Spanish cruiser on March 8th.

Nothing has been heard here to confirm the rumor that the gunboat Alcedo has sunk an American schooner. The rumor is regarded as utterly unfounded in fact.

What Passengers Say.

New York, March 18.—The Ward line steamer Segura, Captain Hoffman, which arrived today from Havana, brings no news of the Alliance affair. Some of the passengers aboard the firing by the cable from New York, but there was apparently but little credence placed in the stories of Spanish insult and outrage. There was nothing to be learned in regard to the reported sinking of an American schooner and the loss of sixteen lives.

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Whitney's Blood Boils.

He Denounces the Firing on the Alliance as a Wanton Outrage.

New York, March 18.—The following telegram was received by The New York Times today from William C. Whitney, ex-secretary of the navy, in reply to a message sent him by Charles R. Miller, the editor of The Times:

"I am sorry to hear of the firing on the Alliance. It is a most serious matter. It is a case of deliberate and full knowledge of the act.

"It is certain that no person in command of any war vessel in the world would permit a merchant vessel of any other power on the high seas would violate the law of nations. There isn't a subordinate officer of any navy who would permit such a violation. It is, therefore, a case of willful insult to the American flag and people.

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Crossman Says They Lie.

New York, March 18.—When a reporter called on Captain Crossman of the steamer Alliance this afternoon and showed him the dispatch from Tampa, Fla., telling how passengers on the steamer Olveto, from Havana, had heard that there was a semi-official report current there that a steamer launched had been leaving the Alliance, by the Spanish war vessel, the captain said emphatically:

"It is an infernal lie. I have no steam launch and never had. Neither did I see a steam launch on my trip from Colon. If the Spanish people have seen a steam launch, as reported, they certainly would have seen the gunboat that fired on us and would so have known what was going on. But they pretend not to know that a Spanish war vessel fired on us. In my opinion they certainly know what vessel was actually attacking them. The vessel that chased us. It is a contemptible lie for a Spanish official to say that we were shot and that we were thrown away light on the story telegraphed from Key West that a Spanish gunboat of that name had sunk an American steamer with a loss of sixteen lives."

Unable to Locate It.

Washington, March 18.—Officers of the naval academy at Annapolis, Md., have been unable to locate any Spanish vessel, named the Alcedo, or anything like it, in the records of the academy. The name of the vessel was not found in the list of the vessels of the academy.







